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REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/207,296, filed July 29, 2002, entitled "Keel Joint Arrangements for Floating Platforms".

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including the oath or declaration, and Information Disclosure Statement as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application Serial No.

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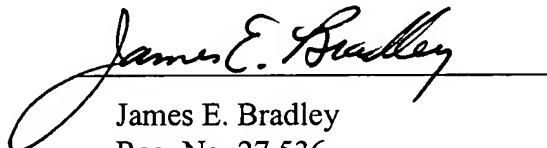
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10/207,296 as originally filed on July 29, 2002, and further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

After cancellation of claims 1 and 14-18, a fee is due of \$928 for 24 claims and 4 independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees required, or credit any overpayment to ABB Vetco Gray Deposit Account No. 22-0279.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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